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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.


- (1) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0091357
- (2) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0090693
- (3) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0085941
- (4) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0049040
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,215,562
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 6,185,386
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 6,172,771
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 6,070,022
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 5,963,756
- (10) WO 93/20648

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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